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REMARKS

The above-identified application is United States application serial number 09/845,390 filed on April 30, 2001.

Allowable Claims

The Examiner has identified Claims 2-15 and 17 as allowable.

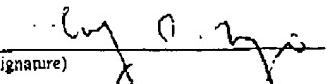
Rejection of Claims under 35 U.S.C. §103

Applicant cancels Claims 18-20 without prejudice.

CONCLUSION

The application, including all remaining Claims 2-15 and 17, is believed to be in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephonic interview, the examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at (949) 251-0250.

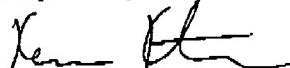
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